

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

Project Details

1. Project title: Continued Labor Market Studies of Oregon's Greening Jobs and Workforce

2. Organization name and address (the recipient of the funds): Oregon Employment Department; 875 Union St NE; Salem, OR 97311

3. Contact information

a. Project's primary contact: Graham Slater, Workforce and Economic Research Administrator, Oregon Employment Department

b. Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number: 503-947-1212/ [REDACTED]

c. Email Address: graham.j.slater@state.or.us

d. Project location (if different than organization's address): Same

4. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities. The Research Division of the Employment Department provides labor market information to support the public labor exchange offices throughout the state. Information on green jobs has been scarce and we are in a position to prepare statewide statistics and projections for Oregon's labor market and educational community.

5. Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity? Public

6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)? U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration

7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words). This project will build on Oregon's ongoing "green jobs" labor market information activities.

Oregon was the third state in the nation to conduct a "green jobs survey" and the first to publish a report that focused specifically on the workforce and training implications of the move towards "more green" jobs and companies.

Oregon was a recipient of a U.S. Department of Labor ARRA Green Jobs LMI grant, which allowed deeper study of the skills and training requirements of key green occupations across the state. This grant allowed the Employment Department to hire a Green Jobs Economist, whose sole focus is the development, study, and dissemination of workforce information about green jobs.

This requested project will allow Oregon to extend the Green Jobs Economist position for two years beyond the current grant period, in response to the high level of demand for green jobs information and research. Key customers for this information included elected officials, Workforce Investment Boards, education and training planners, policy-makers, individuals considering career options and choices, and the news media. The project is also in keeping with Governor Kulongoski's focus on green jobs as a priority area for workforce development.

Oregon's Green Jobs Economist is the primary source for information on Oregon's green jobs: employment levels, types of industries and occupations, wage levels, education and skill requirements, special training, licensing, and certification requirements. The Green Jobs Economist reviews and compiles information from Employment Department surveys and other sources; coordinates the work of others working on green jobs-related topics; writes articles and gives presentations on the green jobs topic.

8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon? Funds will be spent to extend the current Green Jobs Economist position for two years to continue the development of green jobs labor market information in the state, and be responsive to the demands of industry and Oregon's workforce. Achieving the right balance of education, skills, and graduates is essential to meet the demands of new industries including wind energy production; labor market information provides critically needed data for decision makers. Recent data shows green jobs will grow at a rate that is three times the rate of other employment.

9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years? No appropriations received in prior years.

9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding. N/A

Funding Details

10. Amount requested for this project: \$170,000

11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000): Salary \$170,000

12. What is the total cost of the project? \$230,000

13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011?)? Yes

14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts) Oregon Employment Department Research Division will provide in-kind support in the form of support staff for this effort.

15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project. Oregon Workforce Investment Board (letter attached)